Power Station Stage-IV (210 MW) was received in CEA in July, 1994 for te'chno-economic clearance. As the essential inputs had not been tied up, the proposal was returned by CEA on 26.2.1996.

(d) The project of State Electricity Boards are normally funded by them or by the concerned State Governments. However the proposals are recommended for seeking external assistance, provided they fulfill the eligibility criteria. Rajasthan Government has not asked for external financial assistance for the project.

Honouring Inter-State Agreement on Power Project

3918. DR. MAHESH CHANDRA SHARMA : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Rajasthan has requested Government for intervening in the MoU executed on 20th October, 1992 for Parvati Hydro Electric Project in view of reported move of Government of Himachal Pradesh to reduce share of Rajasthan;

(b) whether Government are not aware that Government of Himachal Pradesh is backing out from the MoU dated 20th October, 1992 for Parvati H.E. Project and desiring enhanced allocation in the project;

(c) whether Government will remain silent spectator to move of Himachal Pradesh not honouring the inter-State agreements;

(d) whether Government will take steps to ensure honouring inter-State agreement; and

(e) whether Government have any plan for taking up this project as a joint venture?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) and (e) A Memorandum of Understanding dated 20.10.1992 was signed by the Governments of Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh Haryana, Gujarat and National Capital Territory of Delhi for investigation and execution of Parvati Hydroelectric Power Project (2051 MW) in three stages. The project is located in Parvati Valley (Kullu District) in Himachal Pradesh. The equity construction as mutually agreed by the State Governments will be as under:—

1. Rajasthan	:	40%
2. Haryana		25%
3. Gujarat		15%
4. Delhi		15%
5. Himachal Pradesh		5%

The MoU also provides that 12 per cent of energy generated from the project shall be given to Himachal Pradesh free of cost. The remaining 88 per cent of energy generated from the project shall be apportioned amongst the States, including Himachal Pradesh in the ratio of their equity participation.

The Government of Himachal Pradesh had requested for enhancement of their share in equity from 5 per cent to 25 per cent by effecting the reduction in the share of other partner States. However, this is not acceptable to the Government of Rajasthan and a request has been made to this Ministry to persuade the Government of Himachal Pradesh to honour the principle of sharing of power as incorporated in the MoU.

Government of Himachal Pradesh has now suggested that the project may be executed by National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC) or any other agencies of the Union Government. The modalities for project funding, execution and sharing of cost and benefits have to be firmed up in consultation with beneficiary States.

Power Projects Funded by Power Finance Corporation

3919. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Power Finance